

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2009  
5:30P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 5:40p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (ABSENT), Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late 5:48p.m.), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Late 7:58p.m.)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Simms.

**1.1.4 Approval of Agenda:**

It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Simms to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Simms stated that the Council was not aware of the changes to the Special Session Agenda, and in the future they should be made aware. The motion carried.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

2.1.1. Samuel Prue, Police Chief Candidate-Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator introduced Samuel Prue, as the recommended candidate to fill the Chief of Police position. Mr. Prue gave the Council a brief synopsis of his background. He stated the Seat Pleasant Department is his department, as he was here to develop the Department under the leadership of Former Chief Harvey in 1993. He stated that he has a plan to ensure the officers are properly trained, and understand the importance of community policing and becoming the best Police Department. He will look into training with the State Trooper Associations, which will be free training to the City of Seat Pleasant. He will ensure that he gets the proper training to seek after grants.

Council President Gatling asked the Council how they feel about Samuel Prue, as the recommended candidate to fill the Chief position. There were several concerns regarding his background and experience as a Police Officer. Mr. Ashton gave the Council a background view of the Police Department when Mr. Prue was the Deputy Chief. He stated that Mr. Prue left the City because he didn't feel that he had the support of the Council. He had a five year plan for the City and wanted the Council support in his plan. He stated that Mr. Prue is no-nonsense person while, under his leadership the department brought in \$30,000 in ticket writing. It was motioned by Councilmember Simms, and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to move the discussion to Unfinished Business. The motion carried.

2.1.2. Koko Barnes, Executive Director, Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation-It was motioned by Councilmember Simms, and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to move the discussion to Unfinished Business. The motion carried.

### **3. LEGISLATION:**

None

### **4. MEETING TOPICS:**

#### **4.1.1. Review and discuss Candidacy Submission for Ward II Vacancy**

- The City Council met with each candidate and asked them questions regarding their interest in filling the vacant councilperson seat for Ward II. The council voted by closed ballot and the votes were as follow:

**Cobb-1 Vote**

**Love-1 Vote**

**Stephenson-4 Votes**

Councilmember Yeargin recommended that the City Clerk prepare a letter to be sent to the candidates. Councilmember Gatling concurred.

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chief of Police Candidate Samuel Prue-It was motioned by Councilmember Raynor and seconded by Councilmember Yeargin to appoint Samuel Prue, as the Chief of Police for the Seat Pleasant Police Department. The motion carried.

FOR: Gatling, Hardy, Porter, Raynor, Simms and Yeargin

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

5.1.2. Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation, Ms. Barnes has sent an e-mail to Councilmember Gatling requesting an interest free loan in the amount of \$57,500.

Councilmember Porter has asked that Mr. Ashton verify where the monies can be disbursed. Mr. Ashton recommended the monies to be appropriated from the Economic Development Department.

Councilmember Yeargin stated that the budget has been set for the year, and we aren't in the position financially to loan the monies to the organization or take the money from another department.

Councilmember Gatling stated that she would have the City Attorney to draft an agreement, and the loan will not be interest free loan, if the Council agreed to the loan.

Councilmember Porter recommended that Mr. Ashton get all the pertinent information regarding the loan request.

Councilmember Yeargin stated that we are a Municipal Government, and not a savings and loan bank.

Councilmember Gatling requested that Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk send a written letter to Ms. Barnes regarding the request for the additional documentation.

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**6.1.1. Regular Work Session, Monday, January 4, 2010; 7:00p.m., Council Chambers**

**6.1.2. Public Session, Monday, January 11, 2010; 7:00p.m., Council Chambers**

**6.1.3. Maryland Municipal League Legislative Reception, Wednesday, January 13, 2010; 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m., Annapolis, MD.**

**6.1.4. Prince Georges County Municipal Association Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2010; 7:00p.m., Greenbelt Municipal Center, Greenbelt, Maryland.**

## **7. ADJOURN**

It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham  
City Clerk